



December 16, 2024

Dear Mayor Foley and Village of Cold Spring Trustees,

We appreciate the questions provided to us on December 11<sup>th</sup> ahead of the scheduled workshop with the Village Board on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc (HHFT) had initially requested an opportunity to appear before the board during the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, in order to clarify what we believed to be confusion around project phasing that was voiced during that meeting.

As you know, as of December 4, 2024, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has officially begun the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process for the purpose of considering all of the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the project. At the conclusion of the DGEIS process, we will have a comprehensive understanding of all municipal, agency and individual feedback, and the Lead Agency will share any additional studies, mitigation measures, or interventions necessary to address potential impacts of the Fjord Trail on the environment and/or project area communities.

Given where we are in the process, and in light of the new topics for discussion presented in the memo we received from the board last Wednesday, it would be premature to answer most of the questions as they pertain to local mitigations and associated budgets and costs. To that end, we believe it necessary to postpone this discussion until the official environmental process has concluded.

We apologize for the short notice. We look forward to receiving public comments on the DGEIS in the near future and, long term, to continuing our conversations with the community about how we can collaborate on the implementation of the Fjord Trail to best serve the Village and the surrounding communities. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Amy Kacala', is written in a cursive style.

Amy Kacala, Executive Director

**From:** [Mayor](#)  
**To:** [VCS Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Workshop Cancelled by HHFT  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 4:00:34 PM  
**Attachments:** [Postponement of CS Village Board Workshop.pdf](#)

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Please add to the public record for tomorrow's meeting, along with the text of the letter itself.

Thanks,  
KEF

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Kathleen E. Foley, Mayor  
Village of Cold Spring  
85 Main Street  
Cold Spring, NY 10516  
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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 4:00 PM  
**To:** Amy Kacala [REDACTED]; MJ Martin [REDACTED]; Rebeca Ramirez [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Trustee Bozzi [REDACTED]; Trustee Starbuck [REDACTED]; Trustee Freimark [REDACTED]; Trustee Woods [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Workshop Cancelled by HHFT

Amy,

This is an unfortunate decision, and a lost opportunity for the community as well as HHFT. The topics submitted to you by the Trustees have been under discussion for some time in our VBOT sessions—other than funding questions, nothing is new. The Trustees and the public would have benefited from hearing your clarification on construction and your thinking on potential infrastructure investments in the Village. Your responses surely would have informed the public as they are reviewing the DGEIS; I don't see how your in-person discussion would jeopardize that process or its outcomes.

The Board can discuss how to incorporate these questions into the Village's DGEIS response.

Best,  
KEF

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Kathleen E. Foley, Mayor  
Village of Cold Spring  
85 Main Street  
Cold Spring, NY 10516  
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**From:** Amy Kacala [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2024 5:14 PM  
**To:** Mayor [REDACTED]; Trustee Starbuck [REDACTED];  
Trustee Bozzi [REDACTED] Trustee Freimark  
[REDACTED]; Trustee Woods [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** MJ Martin [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Workshop

Mayor Foley and Trustees,

Sorry for the lateness of this note. Having now had time to review and digest the recent questions from the Board, it seems clear there is a strong overlap with the environmental review substance and process. As we are now in the public comment period, we feel it is best to postpone this discussion until after the environmental review process is complete. Please see a more thorough explanation attached.

Until then, our focus is firmly on making sure everyone can review the document and feel informed in any comments they wish to make. To support that, we hope you've found the D-catalog version on the HHFT.org website which allows you to search words and jump between chapters. We are also preparing to release a short video that provides an overview of the document so people can better understand the contents and how to find the topics of greatest interest to them as quickly and easily as possible. Additionally, while we know that these days most people use the online/electronic versions, we've also made sure hard copies are in more locations than standard practice. We hope these extra steps are helpful to you and residents.

All the best for the holidays,  
Amy

**Amy Kacala (she/her)**  
*Executive Director*  
**Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail**  
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